




State of the Town

February 5, 2018




Highlights of 2017

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- ▶ Began Citizen of the Year and Lifetime Volunteer Awards
 - ▶ Designated as a Paddling Trail Town, with the U of D Sustainable Coastal Communities
 - ▶ Continued as a Downtown Delaware Commercial District Affiliate
 - ▶ Dedicated streets within Cannery Village
 - ▶ Painted Blue Lines to show support of Law Enforcement




Highlights of 2017

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- ▶ Amended Town Charter
 - ▶ Finalized the draft 2017 Comprehensive Plan
 - ▶ Authorized a study of Milton's annexation fee and process
 - ▶ Worked with property owners for completion of sidewalk repairs
 - ▶ Contracted with CodeRED, Town wide emergency notification system




Highlights of 2017

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- ▶ Continued progress with the Rails to Trails, Phase II
 - ▶ Received Sustainable Communities Planning Grant
 - ▶ Received Outdoor Recreation, Parks and Trails Grant for adult exercise equipment along Governors' Walk
 - ▶ Completed Wagamon's Loop Water Main Planning Grant
 - ▶ Completed Water System Survey, Mapping, and Modeling Planning Grant




Highlights of 2017

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- ▶ Completed an Information Technology and Cyber Security Assessment, grant funded through the State of Delaware and Homeland Security
 - ▶ Assisted the Milton Cheer Center in a curbing project, as a third party to the agreement using the Community Transportation Fund
 - ▶ Cape Henlopen School District began construction to the H.O. Brittingham Elementary School
 - ▶ Initiated the redesign of the Town's website




Highlights of 2017

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- ▶ Published the “Guide to Rehabilitation and Construction in the Milton Historic District” brochure, funded by the Certified Local Government, Historic Preservation Fund
 - ▶ Repealed and replaced Town Code Chapter 220-21, Historic Preservation Overlay District
 - ▶ Installed GIS, and completed training
 - ▶ Continued training in Floodplain Management and Certified Construction Reviewer




Highlights of 2017

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- ▶ Emergency Preparedness Committee began meeting to develop a draft Emergency Operations Plan for the Town
 - ▶ Began working with the University of Delaware, T2 Center, for development of a current ADA Self Assessment report and Transition Plan
 - ▶ DNREC replaced the floating dock at the boat ramp in Memorial Park
 - ▶ Bid residential waste services, signed a three year agreement which reduced the quarterly waste fee for FY18 by 5%
 - ▶ Performed a fee study for water rates and water impact fees




Highlights of 2017

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- ▶ Completed two State Revolving Fund applications; funding requests relate to the Wagamon's Water Main Loop and Shipbuilders Well and Treatment Facility
 - ▶ Authorized test well at the Shipbuilders site to determine water quality prior to beginning full Well and Treatment Facility project; deeper test well is needed due to nitrate levels – waiting for State permit to drill
 - ▶ Began requirements of financial review for SRF applications




Highlights of 2017

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- ▶ Developed capital improvements priority list
 - ▶ Maintained excellent water quality
 - ▶ Attended safety committee meetings, and various trainings
 - ▶ Color coded fire hydrants, replaced water meter-heads
 - ▶ Repainted Shipbuilders Tower
 - ▶ Continued with sign replacement



Highlights of 2017

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- Maintained parks and playground equipment
 - Top 10 Most Beautiful Towns in Delaware / Best Places to Visit
 - Installed bollards in Memorial Park
 - Replenished safety mulch
 - Continued exercising street valves
 - Repaired many water leaks
 - Cleaned storm drains



Highlights of 2017

- ▶ FY17 financial audit, presentation in March
- ▶ First year of Bond Investments
- ▶ Completed pay scale
- ▶ General Fund:
 - ▶ Increase in revenues approximately \$51,000 (128% realized)
 - ▶ Increase in expenditures \$197,000 (96% realized)
 - ▶ Front Street sidewalk
 - ▶ Purchase of GIS, bollards, police vehicles
 - ▶ Increase in employees (Admin and Police)
 - ▶ Increase in street lighting



Highlights of 2017

- ▶ Proprietary Fund:
 - ▶ Increase in revenues approximately \$85,000 (109% realized)
 - ▶ Increase in expenditures approximately \$193,000 (103% realized)
 - ▶ Engineering Fees
 - ▶ Tenting of the Shipbuilders Tower for painting
 - ▶ Survey, Mapping, Modeling Grant
 - ▶ Wagamon's Water Main Grant
 - ▶ Purchase of trailer
 - ▶ Purchase of safety ring at Shipbuilders Tower



Highlights of 2017

- ▶ Upgraded police fleet through Sussex County Grant
- ▶ Began MPD Auxiliary Patrol Unit
- ▶ Food and Clothing Drive; MPD for Kids
- ▶ Successful Community Policing Activities (parades, schools, Halloween, Night Out, National Drug Take Back Day)
- ▶ Began Delaware Police Chiefs' Council, State Accreditation process
- ▶ Trainings in accordance with COPT standards, and weapons qualifications
- ▶ Ranked #4 as Delaware's Safest City; Reduction of crime 17%; Traffic safety/enforcement decreased 5%

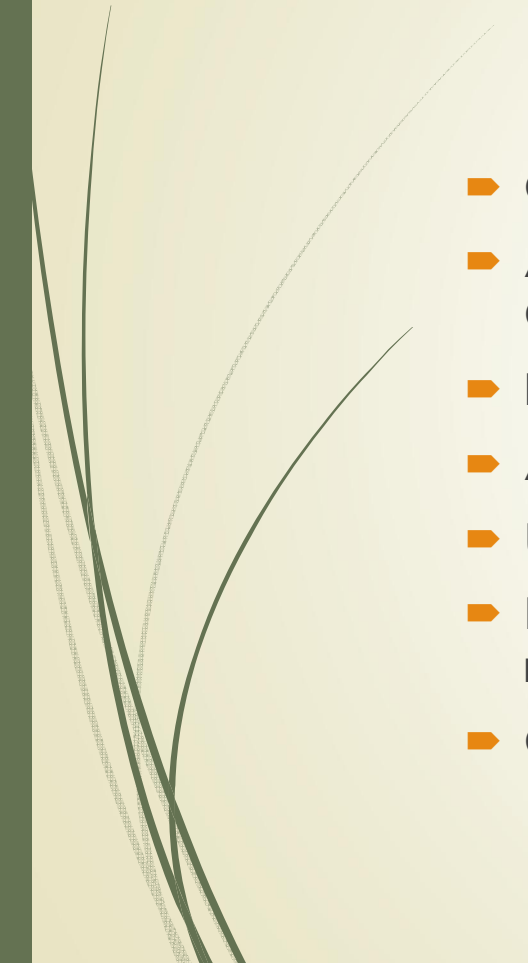


Objectives for 2018

- ▶ Complete certification process for the 2017 Comprehensive Plan
 - ▶ Begin implementation, required map and code updates
- ▶ Complete Annexation Fee Study and review of the Employee Handbook
- ▶ Research and obtain funding for capital projects
- ▶ Conduct educational sessions relating to Water Infrastructure Planning, and Referendum for Wagamon's Water Main Loop and Shipbuilders Well/Treatment Facility
- ▶ Review property assessment report, pursuant to Charter
- ▶ Continue with Town Code updates
 - ▶ Code Violation processes throughout all applicable sections, Zoning Code, Housing Standards, Personnel, Water, Emergency Operations Plan



Objectives for 2018

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- ▶ Continue sidewalk repairs
 - ▶ Appoint Economic Development Committee, continue with Commercial District Affiliate requirements
 - ▶ Implement use of CodeRED system
 - ▶ Apply for a planning grant relating to water main replacement
 - ▶ Update job descriptions, policies, and procedures
 - ▶ Develop archiving process in accordance with State of Delaware retention requirements
 - ▶ Continue trainings



Objectives for 2018

- ▶ Complete revisions to the Police SOPs and Accreditation
 - ▶ Improve MPD traffic safety and enforcement
 - ▶ Ensure all patrol vehicles have functional car cameras
 - ▶ Enrollment of patrol staff in formal first level supervisor training programs
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